

Remarks

Claims 1-15 are currently pending. Applicants assert that all claims are in condition for allowance after final as set forth more fully below.

103 Rejections

Claims 1-6 and 10-12 are rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Pickett (US Pat 5,062,147) in view of Muller (US Pat 6,115,544) and further in view of Smith (US Pat 5,671,510). Claims 7 and 15 are rejected as being unpatentable over Pickett in view of Mueller and in view of Smith and further in view of Greenfeld (US Pat 4,931,938). Claims 8, 9, 13, and 14 are rejected as being unpatentable over Pickett in view of Mueller and in view of Smith and further in view of Warman (US Pat 5,657,221). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Each of the independent claims includes recitations to extracting messages from a source file that is at a first location and that is of an application to be monitored. Furthermore, each of the independent claims include recitations to displaying a modifiable second location which is where a log file containing error messages generated by the application to be monitored is located. At least these recitations are not disclosed by the cited combination.

Regarding Pickett, it should be noted that the citations regarding the source file for the error messages is to a generic data path for an application being monitored and Pickett does not disclose that the data path is a source file of error messages of an application being monitored. Furthermore, regarding Pickett, it should be noted that the citations regarding the second modifiable location are the location of files (e.g., status, voice library, and device files) that are either acted upon or otherwise called upon by the monitoring system after having received the message from the computer application being monitored. The location of these files does not correspond to a second modifiable location corresponding to the log file location where the application generates the error messages from the source file.

Indeed, Pickett specifies that the computer and application being monitored maintains a communication link via a modem to the network monitoring system so that the messages generated by the computer being monitored are transferred directly to the

monitoring system for analysis. This is evident from col. 3, lines 45-61 and further from col. 5, lines 15-19. Thus, the principle of operation of Pickett is for the monitoring system to be contacted by the system to be monitored in order for the messages to be analyzed and acted upon, where the messages are sent from the computer being analyzed to the monitoring system. Therefore, in Pickett there is no log file where the messages are generated by the application being monitored nor is there a second modifiable location being displayed that specifies where the log file is located. Therefore, Pickett is entirely contrary to the recitations of the claims.

The additional references fail to account for these deficiencies of Pickett such that the claims are allowable over the combination based on Pickett. Furthermore, there is no motivation to modify Pickett to overcome the deficiencies noted above because the principle of operation of Pickett is for the messages to be analyzed to be sent by the application being monitored to the monitoring system rather than having a log file be generated and specifying for the monitoring system via a modifiable second location where each potential message being generated by the application may be found. To alter Pickett to utilize a log file and a modifiable second location specifying where the log file is located for each of the potential error messages being extracted from a source file would require an entirely different principle of operation not only for the monitoring system of Pickett but also to the applications being monitored.

The independent claims also include recitations directed to an export file or export module such that the association of the modifiable severity and modifiable second location associated with each notification message is exported for implementation by the monitoring system. Pickett and the cited combination also fail to disclose these elements. As discussed above, Pickett fails to disclose that a modifiable second location is provided and there is no motivation to modify Pickett to have such a modifiable second location. Therefore, it logically follows that Pickett also fails to have an export file that includes the modifiable severity with the modifiable location that has been displayed.

Accordingly, for at least these reasons, the independent claims 1, 10, and 15 are allowable over the various combinations of references based on Pickett. Dependent claims 2-9 and 11-14 are allowable at least because they depend from an allowable base claim. Furthermore, one or more of these dependent claims are allowable for additional

reasons. For example, claim 5 recites modifying the modifiable location, wherein the export file comprises the modified modifiable location. As discussed above, contrary to the assertions of the Office Action, Pickett does not disclose a modifiable second location and no motivation exists to modify Pickett to make use of a modifiable second location since the principle of operation of Pickett is entirely different than a monitoring system where a modifiable second location is used to specify where the notification messages are logged once generated.

In addition to the reasons noted above, claim 15 is also allowable over the cited combination as it recites executing the system monitor on a computer to monitor the modifiable second location for one of the notification messages and to generate an alert that specifies the modifiable severity that corresponds to the notification message that is found in the modifiable second location. As noted above, the monitoring system of Pickett receives the messages to be analyzed without having to monitor a log file located at the modifiable second location that has been specified in the export file. Pickett does not monitor for a log file and Pickett does not have a modifiable second location corresponding to the location of the log file. Furthermore, there can be no motivation to modify Pickett as has been discussed above. Thus, claim 15 is allowable over the combination based on Pickett for these additional reasons.

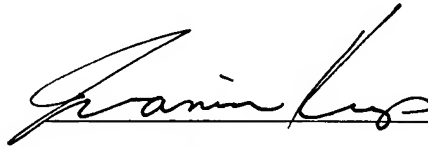
Conclusion

Applicants assert that the application including claims 1-15 is in condition for allowance after final. Applicants request reconsideration in view of the remarks above and further request that a Notice of Allowability be provided. Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

No fees are believed due. However, please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3025.

Respectfully submitted,

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